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SOIL AND ROCK LEGEND, TERMS, SYMBOLS, AND ABBREVIATIONS

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SOIL DESCRIPTION GRADATION					ROCK DESCRIPTION				_ TERMS AND DEFINITIONS	
SUIL IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE UNCONSULIDATED, SEMI-CONSULIDATED OR WEATHERED EARTH MATERIALS WHICH				DED- INDICATES A GOOD REPRESENTATION OF PARTICLE SIZES FROM FINE TO COARSE			HARD ROCK IS NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT WHEN TESTED, WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL, AN INFERRED ROCK LINE INDICATES THE LEVEL AT WHICH NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL WOULD YIELD SPT REFUSAL.			ALLUVIUM (ALLUV.) - SOILS WHICH HAVE BEEN TRANSPORTED BY WATER.
CAN BE PENETRATED WITH A CONTINUOUS FLI			UNIFORM- INDICATES THAT SOIL PARTICLES ARE ALL APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE (ALSO POORLY GRADED). GAP-GRADED- INDICATES A MIXTURE OF UNIFORM PARTICLES OF TWO OR MORE SIZES.			SPT REFUSAL IS PENETRATION BY A SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 2.5 cm PER 50 BLOWS.				AQUIFER - A WATER BEARING FORMATION OR STRATA.
30 cm ACCORDING TO STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (AASHTO T206, ASTM D-1586), SOIL CLASSIFICATION IS BASED ON THE AASHTO SYSTEM AND BASIC DESCRIPTIONS GENERALLY SHALL INCLUDE: CONSISTENCY, COLOR,			ANGULARITY OF GRAINS			IN NON-COASTAL PLAIN MATERIAL, THE TRANSITION BETWEEN SOIL AND ROCK IS OFTEN REPRESENTED BY A ZONE OF WEATHERED ROCK.				ARENACEOUS - APPLIED TO ROCKS THAT HAVE BEEN DERIVED FROM SAND OR THAT CONTAIN SAND.
TEXTURE, MOISTURE, AASHTO CLASSIFICATION, AND OTHER PERTINENT FACTORS SUCH AS MINERALOGICAL						ROCK MATERIALS ARE TYPICALLY DIVIDED AS FOLOWS:				ARGILLACEOUS - APPLIED TO ALL ROCKS OR SUBSTANCES COMPOSED OF CLAY MINERALS, OR HAVING A NOTABLE
COMPOSITION, ANGULARITY, STRUCTURE, PLASTI	ICTT, ETC. EXAMPLE: IST WITH INTERBEDOED FINE SAND LAYERS,HIGHLY I	DIACTIC ALTC	THE ANGULARITY OR ROUNDNESS SUBROUNDED, OR ROUNDED.	OF SOIL GRAINS ARE DESIGNATED BY THE TE	RMS; ANGULAR, SUBANGULAR,	WEATHERED		STAL PLAIN MATERIAL THAT YIELDS SI	PT N VALUES > 100 BLOWS	PROPORTION OF CLAY IN THEIR COMPOSITION, AS SHALE, SLATE, ETC.
				MINERALOGICAL COMPOSITIO	NI	ROCK (WR)	PER 30			ARTESIAN - GROUND WATER THAT IS UNDER SUFFICIENT PRESSURE TO RISE ABOVE THE LEVEL AT WHICH IS
	AND AASHTO CLASSIFIC	LATION		Z, FELDSPAR, MICA, TALC, KAOLIN, ETC. ARE USE	······································	CRYSTALLIN	FINE TO	COARSE GRAIN IGNEOUS AND METAMOR	PHIC ROCK THAT	ENCOUNTERED, BUT WHICH DOES NOT NECESSARILY RISE TO OR ABOVE THE GROUND SURFACE.
GENERAL GRANULAR MATERIALS CLASS. (35% PASSING *200)	SILT-CLAY MATERIALS (>85% PASSING *200)	ORGANIC MATERIALS	THEY ARE CONSIDERED OF SIGNI		D IN DESCRIPTIONS WHENEVER	ROCK (CR)	GNEISS. C	IELD SPT REFUSAL IF TESTED. ROCK T GABBRO, SCHIST, ETC.	TIPE INCLUDES GRANITE,	CALCAREOUS (CALC.) - SOILS WHICH CONTAIN APPRECIABLE AMOUNTS OF CALCIUM CARBONATE.
GROUP A-1 A-3 A-2	2 A-4 A-5 A-6 A-7	A-1 A-2 A-4 A-5		COMPRESSIBILITY		NON-CRYSTA		COARSE GRAIN METAMORPHIC AND NON-		COLLUVIUM - ROCK FRAGMENTS MIXED WITH SOIL DEPOSITED BY GRAVITY ON SLOPE OR AT BOTTOM OF SLOPE.
CLASS. A-1-8 A-1-6 A-2-4 A-2-5 A		A-3 A-6. A-7	SLIGHTLY COMPRESSIB		ESS THAN 30	ROCK (NCR)	SEDIMENT	TARY ROCK THAT WOULD YEILD SPT RE S PHYLLITE, SLATE, SANDSTONE, ETC.	FUSAL IF TESTED, RUCK TYPE	CORE RECOVERY (REC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF ALL MATERIAL RECOVERED IN THE CORE BARREL DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
SYMBOL COCCOCCOCCOCCOCCOCCOCCOCCOCCOCCOCCOCCOC			MODERATELY COMPRESS	SIBLE LIQUID LIMIT 3	81-50	COASTAL PL SEDIMENTAR		PLAIN SEDIMENTS CEMENTED INTO ROO		DIKE - A TABULAR BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK THAT CUTS ACROSS THE STRUCTURE OF ADJACENT ROCKS OR CUTS
pooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo			HIGHLY COMPRESSIBLE	PERCENTAGE OF MATERIAL	GREATER THAN 50	ROCK (CP)	SHELL BE	JSAL. ROCK TYPE INCLUDES LIMESTONE EDS,ETC.	E, SANUSTUNE, CEMENTEU	MASSIVE ROCK.
% PASSING		GRANULAR SILT- MUCK,		GRANULAR SILT- CLAY				WEATHERING		DIP - THE ANGLE AT WHICH A STRATUM OR ANY PLANAR FEATURE IS INCLINED FROM THE HORIZONTAL.
# 40 30 MX 50 MX 51 MN		SOILS SOILS PEAT	URGANIC MATERIAL	SOILS SOILS O	THER MATERIAL	FRESH	ROCK FRESH, CRYSTALS BRIGHT, F	FEW JOINTS MAY SHOW SLIGHT STAIN!	ING. ROCK RINGS UNDER	DIP DIRECTION (DIP AZIMUTH) - THE DIRECTION OR BEARING OF THE HORIZONTAL TRACE OF THE LINE OF DIP, MEASURED CLOCKWISE FROM NORTH.
* 200 15 MX 25 MX 10 MX 35 MX 35 MX 35	5 MX35 MX36 MN36 MN36 MN36 MN	N I		2 - 3% 3 - 5% TRA 3 - 5% 5 - 12% LIT			HAMMER IF CRYSTALLINE.			FAULT - A FRACTURE OR FRACTURE ZONE ALONG WHICH THERE HAS BEEN DISPLACEMENT OF THE SIDES
	0 MX41 MN 40 MX 41 MN 40 MX 41 MN		MODERATELY ORGANIC	5 - 10% 12 - 20% SOM	E 20 - 35%			STAINED, SOME JOINTS MAY SHOW THI		RELATIVE TO ONE ANOTHER PARALLEL TO THE FRACTURE.
	1 MN 11 MN 10 MX 10 MX 11 MN 11 MN	HIGHLY	HIGHLY ORGANIC	>10% >20% HIGH	1LY 35% AND ABOVE		OF A CRYSTALLINE NATURE.	EN FACE SHINE BRIGHTLY, ROCK RINGS	UNDER HAMMER BLOWS IF	FISSILE - A PROPERTY OF SPLITTING ALONG CLOSELY SPACED PARALLEL PLANES.
GROUP INDEX Ø Ø Ø	4 MX 8 MX 12 MX 16 MX No M	AMOUNTS OF SOILS		GROUND WATER		SLIGHT	ROCK GENERALLY FRESH, JOINTS	STAINED AND DISCOLORATION EXTENDS	S INTO ROCK UP TO	FLOAT - ROCK FRAGMENTS ON SURFACE NEAR THEIR ORIG:NAL POSITION AND DISLODGED FROM PARENT MATERIAL
USUAL TYPES STONE FRAGS. FINE SILTY OR OF MAJOR GRAVEL AND	CLAYEY SILTY CLAYEY	ORGANIC	V WATER LE	EVEL IN BORE HOLE IMMEDIATELY AFTER	DRILLING.			AIN CLAY, IN GRANITOID ROCKS SOME		FLOOD PLAIN (F.P.) - LAND BORDERING A STREAM, BUILT OF SEDIMENTS DEPOSITED BY THE STREAM.
MATERIALS SAND SAND GRAVEL AN	ND SAND SOILS SOILS	MATTER	STATIC WA	ATER LEVEL AFTER 24 HOURS.		1		LORED. CRYSTALLINE ROCKS RING UNDE		FORMATION (FM.) - A MAPPABLE GEOLOGIC UNIT THAT CAN BE RECOGNIZED AND TRACED IN THE FIELD.
GEN, RATING		FAIR TO	VPW PERCHED	WATER SATURATED TONE OR WATER READI	NC CTPATA			SHOW DISCOLORATION AND WEATHERING ARS ARE DULL AND DISCOLORED, SOME		JOINT - FRACTURE IN ROCK ALONG WHICH NO APPRECIABLE MOVEMENT HAS OCCURRED.
AS A EXCELLENT TO GOOD SUBGRADE	FAIR TO POOR	POOR POOR UNSUITABLE					DULL SOUND UNDER HAMMER BLO	MMER BLOWS AND SHOWS SIGNIFICANT LOSS OF STRENGTH AS COMPARED		LEDGE - A SHELF-LIKE RIDGE OR PROJECTION OF ROCK WHOSE THICKNESS IS SMALL COMPARED TO ITS
	L.L 30 : P.I. OF A-7-6 > L.L	30	SPRING OR	SEEPAGE			WITH FRESH ROCK.	01 00ED 00 CTABLED BI COMMETCE	CHE ALL EELBODADO DO	LATERAL EXTENT.
	TENCY OR DENSENESS			MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS				OLORED OR STAINED. IN GRANITOID ROO IY SHOW KAOLINIZATION. ROCK SHOWS		LENS - A BODY OF SOIL OR ROCK THAT THINS OUT IN ONE OR MORE DIRECTIONS. MOTTLED (MOT.) - IRREGULARLY MARKED WITH SPOTS OF DIFFERENT COLORS, MOTTLING IN SOILS USUALLY
DRIMARY CON TYPE COMPACTNESS O	OR RANGE OF STANDARD	RANGE OF UNCONFINED	ROADWAY EMBANKM	ENT SPT CPT				GEOLOGIST'S PICK. ROCK GIVES 'CLUN	K'SOUND WHEN STRUCK.	INDICATES POOR AERATION AND LACK OF GOOD DRAINAGE.
PRIMARY SOIL TYPE CONSISTENCY		COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (kN/m ²)	WITH SOIL DESCRI		G SAMPLE DESIGNATIONS	l .	IF TESTED, WOULD YIELD SPT RE			PERCHED WATER - WATER MAINTAINED ABOVE THE NORMAL GROUND WATER LEVEL BY THE PRESENCE OF AN
VERY LOOSE			SOIL SYMBOL	AUGER BORING				COLORED OR STAINED.ROCK FABRIC CL IN GRANITOID ROCKS ALL FELDSPARS (INTERVENING IMPERVIOUS STRATUM.
GENERALLY LOOSE GRANULAR LOOSE	4 TO 10	N/A	SOIL STRIBUL	U HOUSEN SUMMING	S- BULK SAMPLE		EXTENT. SOME FRAGMENTS OF S	TRONG ROCK USUALLY REMAIN.		RESIDUAL SOIL - SOIL FORMED IN PLACE BY THE WEATHERING OF ROCK.
MATERIAL MEDIUM DENS	ISE 10 TO 30 30 TO 50	N/H	ARTIFICIAL FILL O		SS- SPLIT SPOON	j	IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N VALUE			ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (R.Q.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: TOTAL LENGTH OF
(NON-COHESIVE) VERY DENSE			Man .	<u> </u>	SAMPLE ST- SHELBY TUBE			DLORED OR STAINED, ROCK FABRIC ELE JCED TO SOIL STATUS, WITH ONLY FRAI		ROCK SEGMENTS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 10 CENTIMETERS DIVIDED BY THE TOTAL LENGTH OF CORE RUN AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
VERY SOFT	<2	<25	INFERRED SOIL BOI	UNDARIES MONITORING WEL	041101.5		SAPROLITE IS AN EXAMPLE OF F	ROCK WEATHERED TO A DEGREE SUCH T	THAT ONLY MINOR VESTIGES OF THE	SAPROLITE (SAP.) - RESIDUAL SOIL WHICH RETAINS THE RELIC STRUCTURE OR FABRIC OF THE PARENT ROCK.
GENERALLY SOFT SILT-CLAY MEDIUM STIF	2 TO 4	25 TO 50	INFERRED ROCK LI	NE A PIEZOMETER	RS- ROCK SAMPLE		ORIGINAL ROCK FABRIC REMAIN.	IF TESTED, YIELDS SPT N VALUES < 1	100 BLOWS PER 30 cm.	SILL - AN INTRUSIVE BODY OF IGNEOUS ROCK OF APPROXIMATELY UNIFORM THICKNESS AND RELATIVELY THIN
SILT-CLAY MEDIUM STIF MATERIAL STIFF	FF 4 TO 8 8 TO 15	50 TO 100 100 TO 200	TTTTT ALLUVIAL SOIL BO	MOTTALLATION	RT- RECOMPACTED			ABRIC NOT DISCERNIBLE, OR DISCERNIB		COMPARED WITH ITS LATERAL EXTENT, WHICH HAS BEEN EMPLACED PARALLEL TO THE BEDDING OR SCHISTOSITY
(COHESIVE) VERY STIFF 15 TO 30 200 TO 400		SLOPE INDICATOR TRIAXIAL SAMPLE			SCATTERED CONCENTRATIONS. QUARTZ MAY BE PRESENT AS DIKES OR STRINGERS. SAPROLITE IS ALSO AN EXAMPLE.			STRINGERS. SAPROLITE IS	OF THE INTRUDED ROCKS.	
HARD	>30	>400	25/025 DIP/DIP DIRECTION OF INSTALLATION CBR - CBR SAMPLE ROCK STRUCTURES			ROCK HARDNESS				SLICKENSIDE - POLISHED AND STRIATED SURFACE THAT RESULTS FROM FRICTION ALONG A FAULT OR SLIP PLANE.
IEXII	URE OR GRAIN SIZE		SPT N-VALUE						D SPECIMENS DECITIONS	STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (PENETRATION RESISTANCE) (SPT) - NUMBER OF BLOWS (N) OF A 63.5 kg HAMMER
U.S. STD. SIEVE SIZE 4 10 40 60 200 270			SOUNDING ROD REF— SPT REFUSAL			VERY HARD CANNOT BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR SHARP PICK, BREAKING OF HAND SPECIMENS REQUIRES SEVERAL HARD BLOWS OF THE GEOLOGISTS PICK. HARD CAN BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR PICK ONLY WITH DIFFICULTY, HARD HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED			D SI ECTIENS REGOTRES	FALLING 0.76 METERS REQUIRED TO PRODUCE A PENETRATION OF 30 cm INTO SOIL WITH
OPENING (MM) 4.76 2.0 0.42 0.25 0.075 0.053			ABBREVIATIONS						HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED	A 5 cm OUTSIDE DIAMETER SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER, SPT REFUSAL IS LESS THAN 2.5 cm PENETRATION WITH 50 BLOWS.
BOULDER COBBLE GRAVEL COARSE FINE SILT CLAY			AD AUGED DESUGA		NETTO TOOT	TO DETACH HAND SPECIMEN.				STRATA CORE RECOVERY (SREC.) - TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA MATERIAL RECOVERED DIVIDED BY TOTAL LENGTH
(BLDR.) (COB.) (GR.) (SAND SAND (SL.) (CL.)			AR - AUGER REFUSAL PMT - PRESSUREMETER TEST BT - BORING TERMINATED SD SAND, SANDY			MODERATELY CAN BE SCRATCHED BY KNIFE OR PICK, GOUGES OR GROOVES TO 6 mm DEEP CAN BE HARD EXCAVATED BY HARD BLOW OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK, HAND SPECIMENS CAN BE DETACHED			OF STRATUM AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.	
GRAIN MM 305 75 2,0 0.25 0.05 0.005			CL CLAY SL SILT, SILTY			BY MODERATE BLOWS.			CHN BE DETHCHED	STRATA ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (S.R.Q.D.) - A MEASURE OF ROCK QUALITY DESCRIBED BY: TOTAL LENGTH OF ROCK SEGMENTS WITHIN A STRATUM EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN 10 CENTIMETERS DIVIDED
SIZE IN. 12" 3"			CPT - CONE PENETRATION TEST SLI, - SLIGHTLY CSE, - COARSE TCR - TRICONE REFUSAL			MEDIUM CAN BE GROOVED OR GOUGED 1 mm DEEP BY FIRM PRESSURE OF KNIFE OR PICK POINT.				BY THE TOTAL LENGTH OF STRATA AND EXPRESSED AS A PERCENTAGE.
SOIL MOISTURE - CORRELATION OF TERMS			DMT - DILATOMETER TEST			HARD CAN BE EXCAVATED IN SMALL CHIPS TO PIECES 25 mm MAXIMUM SIZE BY HARD BLOWS OF THE POINT OF A GEOLOGISTS PICK.			ZE BY HARD BLOWS OF THE	TOPSOIL (T.S.) - SURFACE SOILS USUALLY CONTAINING ORGANIC MATTER.
SOIL MOISTURE SCALE FIELD MOISTURE GUIDE FOR FIELD MOISTURE DESCRIPTION			DPT - DYNAMIC PENETRATION TEST - VOID RATIO DPT - DYNAMIC PENETRATION TEST O - DRY UNIT WEIGHT			SOFT CAN BE GROVED OR GOUGED READILY BY KNIFE OR PICK, CAN BE EXCAVATED IN FRAGMENTS			CAVATED IN FRAGMENTS	COLOR MAN
(ATTERBERG LIMITS)	DESCRIPTION GOIDE 7 GIV		F FINE	W - MOISTURE (CONTENT	'	FROM CHIPS TO SEVERAL CENT	IMETERS IN SIZE BY MODERATE BLOWS		BENCH MARK: NCGS MONUMENT AT BASELINE STATION 10+74.866
-		LIQUID; VERY WET, USUALLY	FOSS FOSSILIFERO	DUS V VERY VST - VANE SHE	FAR TEST	VEDV	PIECES CAN BE BROKEN BY FIN		IT OF BIOK BISSES OF	ELEVATION: 92.758 METERS
LL LIQUID LIMIT	(SAT.) FROM BEL	OW THE GROUND WATER TABLE	FRAGS FRAGMENTS	S TARE SILE	.A. (20)	VERY SOFT		AN BE EXCAVATED READILY WITH POIN' BROKEN BY FINGER PRESSURE, CAN E		
PLASTIC	SEMISOL IF	D; REQUIRES DRYING TO	MED MEDIUM				FINGERNAIL.			NOTES:
RANGE < PLASTIC LIMIT		PTIMUM MOISTURE	EQUI	PMENT USED ON SUBJECT P	ROJECT	FR	RACTURE SPACING		EDDING	
"" PLL + PLASTIC LIMIT			DRILL UNITS:	ADVANCING TOOLS:	HAMMER TYPE:	TERM	SPACING	TERM	THICKNESS	
OM OPTIMUM MOISTURE	- MOIST - (M) SOLID; A	T OR NEAR OPTIMUM MOISTURE	1		X AUTOMATIC MANUAL	VERY WIDE		VERY THICKLY BEDDED THICKLY BEDDED	0 > 1 m 0.5 - 1 m	
SL _ SHRINKAGE LIMIT			MOBILE B	CLAY BITS		MODERATEL	1 TO 3 m LY CLOSE 30 TO 100 cm	THINLY BEDDED	0.05 - 0.5 m	
		ADDITIONAL WATER TO	l_	152 mm CONTINUOUS FLIGHT AUGER	CORE SIZE:	CLOSE	5 TO 30 cm	VERY THINLY BEDDED THICKLY LAMINATED	10 - 50 mm 2.5 - 10 mm	
	- DRY - (D) ATTAIN OF	PTIMUM MOISTURE	BK-51	203 mm HOLLOW AUGERS		VERY CLOS	SE LESS THAN 5 cm	THINLY LAMINATED	< 2.5 mm	
PLASTICITY			CME-45 HARD FACED FINGER BITS N.XWL		INDURATION					
PL	LASTICITY INDEX (PI)	DRY STRENGTH	TUNG,-CARBIDE INSERTS		3'	FOR SEDIMENTA	ARY ROCKS, INDURATION IS THE H	RDENING OF THE MATERIAL BY CEMENTING, HEAT, PRESSURE, ETC.		
NONPLASTIC	0-5	VERY LOW	X CME-550	- 	H	EBI		RUBBING WITH FINGER FREES NUMEROUS		
LOW PLASTICITY	6-15	SLIGHT		X CASING W/ ADVANCER	HAND TOOLS:	· '''	(GENTLE BLOW BY HAMMER DISINTEGRAT	TES SAMPLE.	
MED. PLASTICITY HIGH PLASTICITY	16-25 26 OR MORE	MEDIUM HIGH	PORTABLE HOIST	TRICONE 70 mm STEEL TEETH	POST HOLE DIGGER	MOD		GRAINS CAN BE SEPARATED FROM SAME		
	COLOR		1	TRICONE mm TUNGCARB.	HAND AUGER			BREAKS EASILY WHEN HIT WITH HAMME		
			OTHER	CORE BIT	SOUNDING ROD	INDI		GRAINS ARE DIFFICULT TO SEPARATE	WITH STEEL PROBE;	
DESCRIPTIONS MAY INCLUDE COLOR OR COLOR COMBINATIONS (TAN, RED, YEL-BRN, BLUE-GRAY) MODIFIERS SUCH AS LIGHT, DARK, STREAKED, ETC. ARE USED TO DESCRIBE APPEARANCE,			OTHER	OTHER	VANE SHEAR TEST			DIFFICULT TO BREAK WITH HAMMER.	DEAK CAMPLE.	
moutriers such as Light, DARK, ST	MEHRED, ETC. ARE USED TO DESC	RIDE APPEARANCE.	U """	U DIHEK	OTHER	EXT		SHARP HAMMER BLOWS REQUIRED TO BE SAMPLE BREAKS ACROSS GRAINS.	DREAK SAMPLE:	
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